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Leadership Group Meeting Announced for Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project**Town Hall**Tuesday July 23rd, 2002

4:00-6:30 p.m.

1119 Eighth Avenue (at Seneca Street)
Seattle, WA 98101

SEATTLE – A Leadership Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23 for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project as the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Seattle (City) recommend the overall vision for the project and options that will be evaluated in the environmental process.

Experts have determined there is a one-in-twenty chance that an earthquake could permanently close the viaduct in the next ten years and pose a significant threat to the seawall as well. For the last year, WSDOT and the City have been working on an accelerated schedule to identify possible solutions for both structures. In addition to presenting the project's preliminary preferred alternative, WSDOT and the City will also have estimated cost ranges, updated project information and designs for potential surface street improvements along the central waterfront area.

The Leadership Group acts as a sounding board to the project and supplements broad public involvement activities taking place concurrently. Feedback from the public and Leadership Group will help shape future work on the design plans.

For more information visit WSDOT's online site: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/viaduct or call the project hotline at 206-269-4421.

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